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WHITE HOUSE FOR THE PRESIDENT AND DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY FROM
THE SECRETARY

STATE FOR WARREN CHRISTOPHER AND PETER TARNOFF ONLY
FROM THE SECRETARY

1. I AM REPORTING TO YOU SEPARATELY ON MY TALKS WITH THE
SAUDIS ABOUT OUR MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT. THE FOLLOWING
OTHER ITEMS WERE ALSO COVERED IN MY LENGTHY TALKS WITH SAUDI
LEADERS.

2. LEBANON

AS I HAD TOLD THE LEBANESE I WOULD DO, I RAISED WITH
SAUD THE POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON.
HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO HELP WITH EFFORTS TO FORM A
LEBANESE ARMY. WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC AID, HOWEVER, HE
SAID SAUDI ARABIA WOULD PREFER IT TO BE IN A BROADER
CONTEXT, SUCH AS A CONSORTIUM EFFORT, AND WOULD LIKE TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH US AS TO THE AMOUNT, REQUIREMENTS AND
MODALITIES AS TO HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE.

3. PORTUGAL

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I RAISED THE REPORT WE HAD HAD THAT SAUDI ARABIA WAS
PLANNING TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING AN EMBARGO OF
PORTUGAL BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL. I STRESSED THE POINT THAT IT WOULD BE TRAGIC
TO PULL THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER A STATE THAT HAD BEEN A
BULWARK AGAINST COMMUNIST INROADS. SAUD SAID THERE WAS NO
QUESTION OF AN EMBARGO, WHICH WOULD BE UNWARRANTED WITH A

COUNTRY THAT WAS MOVING AWAY FROM COMMUNISM.

4. ILO

THE SAUDIS SAID THEY WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE WHAT THEY
COULD DO WITH THE OTHER ARABS, BUT HOPED WE WOULD REMAIN
IN THE ORGANIZATION UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING SIX MONTHS AWAY.

5. OIL PRICES

SAUD TOLD ME THE SAUDIS INTEND (WANT?) TO HOLD OFF OIL
PRICE INCREASES THROUGH 1978 AND ARE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT
TALKS WITH IRAN TO BELIEVE THEY COULD DO SO.

6. F-15S

I EXPLAINED TO FAHD AND SULTAN OUR VIEW THAT SUBMISSION
OF THE F-15 SALE HAD TO BE HELD UNTIL THE EGYPTIAN NON-LETHAL
PACKAGE WAS THROUGH THE CONGRESS. THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED
BUT ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE DELAY.

7. OTHER ISSUES

--I DISCUSSED SOMALIA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA THOROUGHLY.

--ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTH YEMEN, FAHD URGED THE
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IMPORTANCE OF A US PRESENCE THERE AND SAID THAT HIS RECENT
TALK WITH SOUTH YEMENI LEADERS INDICATED THEY WANTED TO RENEW
RELATIONS WITH US.

--THE SAUDIS SAID THEY REGRETTED THEY COULD NOT
RECEIVE MIKE BLUMENTHAL AND JIM SCHLESINGER UNTIL AFTER
RAMADAN BUT LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING THEM SOON THEREAFTER.
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